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SUBJECT: ADVICE ON AND CLEARANCE FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT
VISITORS TO JAMAICA

1. JANUARY 26 EDITION KINGSTON DAILY GLEANER CARRIED STORY TO EFFECT THREE FBI AGENTS PRESENTLY ARE IN MONTEGO BAY TO ASSIST LOCAL CID INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE THEFT OF BLANK TRAVELERS CHECKS, AND CIRCULATION OF COUNTERFEIT FIVE DOLLAR BILLS. ABOVE STORY WAS FIRST INFORMATION WE HAD OF PRESENCE THESE FBI AGENTS IN JAMAICA. WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO FOREGOING, COOPERATION BY THE FBI AND LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT WE RECEIVED NO ADVICE ON THEIR MISSION HERE AND REMAIN OFFICIALLY UNAWARE OF THEIR PRESENCE AND OF THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT. GIVEN THE SENSITIVE POLITICAL SITUATION IN JAMAICA, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS EMBASSY BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ALL OFFICIAL VISITORS. THIS PARTICULARLY APPLIES TO REPRESENTATIVES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

2. PLEASE ADVISE FBI OF FOREGOING AND ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE CLEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR ALL FUTURE SUCH VISITS.

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